

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
JUDICIARY**

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

8:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by **Representative Paul Condino**, Chairman.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Condino, Coulouris, Bieda, Corriveau, Meadows, Meisner, Scott, Virgil Smith, Warren, Schuitmaker, David Law, Elsenheimer, Stakoe, Rick Jones and Rocca.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Meisner moved to adopt the minutes of the **October 24, 2007**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Schuitmaker moved to excuse absent members from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Condino laid **HB 5292** and **HB 5293** before the committee:

HB 5292	Stakoe	Land use; zoning and growth management; referees for litigation under the Michigan zoning enabling act; provide for.
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HB 5293	Byrnes	Land use; zoning and growth management; qualifications of individuals designated as referees for certain litigation; provide for.
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Representative Meisner moved to report **HB 5292** with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Condino, Coulouris, Corriveau, Meadows, Meisner, Warren, Schuitmaker and Elsenheimer,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Meadows moved to report **HB 5293** with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Condino, Coulouris, Corriveau, Meadows, Meisner, Warren, Schuitmaker and Elsenheimer,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Chairman Condino laid **HB 4616, HB 4617 and HB 4618** before the committee:

HB 4616	Meisner	Health; research; prohibition on embryonic research and human cloning; clarify.
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HB 4617	Meadows	Crimes; penalties; penalty for human cloning; increase.
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HB 4618	Meadows	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of human cloning; revise to reflect increased penalty.
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TESTIMONY

Representative Meisner, sponsor of HB 4616, explained his bill to the committee.

Representative Meadows, sponsor of HB 4617 and HB 4618, explained his bills to the committee.

Edsel B. Ford II, representing himself, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Joe Schwartz, representing himself, testified in support of the bills.

Laura Jackson, representing herself, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

William Passinault, M.D., representing himself, testified in opposition to HB 4616.

Stacey and David Giesen, representing themselves, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to HB 4616.

Nicolle and Gabe Reslock, representing themselves, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Sue Burstein-Kahn, representing Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) of Michigan, Inc., testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Ann Stevenson, representing herself, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to HB 4616.

Mary Hamilton, representing herself, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to HB 4616.

Maxine Berman, representing Governor Jennifer Granholm, read Governor Granholm's testimony in support of the bills. Ms. Berman submitted Governor Granholm's written testimony.

Cassandra Woods, representing U.S. Senator Carl Levin, presented Senator Levin's position on embryonic stem cell research and testified in support of the bills. Ms. Woods submitted Senator Levin's written testimony in support of the bills.

Kirk Profit, representing himself, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Landon Krantz, president of the Student Society for Stem Cell Research at the University of Michigan, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Michael Rubyan, representing himself, testified and submitted written in support of the bills.

Rachel Moxon, representing herself, testified in opposition to HB 4616.

Stewart Van Alstine, representing himself, testified in support of the bills.

Ed Rivet, representing Right to Life of Michigan, testified and submitted handouts in opposition to the bills.

Paul Long, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, testified in opposition to HB 4616.

Michael DeGrow, representing the American Diabetes Association, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Melvin A. Lester, M.D., representing the Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research & Cures (MCSCRC), testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Lee Noll, representing BioFlow Technology, Inc., testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

James Eliason, Ph.D., Vice President of External Development for Asterand, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

The following people submitted a card and did not wish to speak:

Rick Johnson, representing himself, submitted a card in support of the bills.

Sheri Mark, representing the Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research & Cures, submitted a card in support of the bills.

Dan Jarvis, representing the Michigan Family Forum, submitted a card in opposition to HB 4616.

Amy Hawkins, representing Citizens for Traditional Values, submitted a card in opposition to HB 4616.

Curtis Hertel, Jr., representing the Michigan Department of Community Health, submitted a card in support of HB 4616 and HB 4617, and was available for questions.

Carol Christner, representing the Karmanos Career Institute, submitted a card in support of the bills.

Marcia Baum, representing the Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research & Cures (MCSCRC), submitted a card and handouts in support of the bills.

The following people submitted written testimony and did not speak:

Professor William Wagner, representing himself, submitted written testimony in opposition to HB 4616.

James Muffet, representing Citizens for Traditional Values, submitted written testimony in opposition to HB 4616.

AppaRao Mukkamala, M.D., President of the Michigan State Medical Society, submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Diane M. Fagelman, President of Right to Life-LIFESPAN and **Diane E. Trombley**, President of Michigan Nurses for Life, submitted written testimony in opposition to the bills.

Gary Dunbar, Director of the Neuroscience Program at Central Michigan University and Scientific Advisor for the Michigan Chapter of the Huntington's Disease Society of America, submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Stephen B. Zorn, President and **Donald H. Cohen**, Director of the B'nai B'rith (Great Lakes Region), submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Fern Ettinger, representing the National Council of Jewish Women, submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Rev. Harry T. Cook, representing St. Andrew's of Clawson, submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Kathleen Russell, representing herself, submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Michael Harris, Executive Director for the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA), submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Dr. Stephen Rapundalo, Executive Director of MichBio, submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Michael DeGrow, representing the American Diabetes Association, submitted written testimony on behalf of the American Diabetes Association in support of the bills.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12: 47 p.m.

Representative Paul Condino, Chairman
House Standing Committee on Judiciary
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
517-373-7256
4 Hours and 17 Minutes